

considerable, several correspondents of the Conservator having contributed.

The work in the museum during the year has been limited to the proper placing of the new material received,—no small task in view of the crowded condition of our cases. A few small groups have been rearranged, and the terrestrial operculates and American Helices have been placed in shallow trays in drawers.

The great number of species and types contained in the collection of the Academy imposes a large amount of correspondence upon the Conservator, and no little time is consumed in the comparison of specimens for correspondents. This labor is amply repaid, however, by the large mass of new material which it secures us, and which could be obtained by no other means.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. PILSBRY,
Conservator.

REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

During the year about to close ten meetings of the Section have been held and they were well attended, considering the number of its members and associates. One member has died and two members and three associates have been elected. Many specimens have been added to the collection in the way of donations from members and others and through "The Entomological News" in exchange for names. The collections are in fairly good condition considering the unsafe cases they are kept in at present and the insufficient amount of room at our disposal. Three hundred and fifty entries of additions to the library have been made in the donation book to date. A large part of these publications cannot be arranged in the library and are laid away in piles. This is on account of the meagre amount of library space, the library some time ago having outgrown its present quarters. "The Entomological News," a journal published by the Section and the American Entomological Society devoted to insect life, has appeared regularly and has been eminently successful. Volume four has been completed, with three hundred and forty-four pages and fifteen full page plates and numerous cuts. The journal will be continued, the number for January, 1894, being in the hands of the printer.

At the last meeting the following gentlemen were elected to serve as officers for the coming year :—

<i>Director,</i>	. . . .	George H. Horn, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	. . . .	Charles S. Welles.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . . .	Ezra T. Cresson.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . .	Henry Skinner, M. D.
<i>Recorder,</i>	. . . .	Henry Skinner, M. D.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	. . . .	{ James H. Ridings. Charles W. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Vice-Director of the Botanical Section respectfully reports that the general prosperity noted in other years still continues, though the work of the Conservator is seriously hampered by reason of the crowded condition of the Herbarium shelves.

Meetings have been regularly held except during the Summer recess. Discussions on matters of botanical interest have been frequent, and two original papers of value to general science on the botany of the Peary Expeditions and researches relative to the jelly glands of *Brasenia peltata*, have been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the Academy.

Donations to the Herbarium have been liberal: reaching the the number of 2,599 species; 2,344 were of flowering plants and ferns, of which 596 were new to our collection.

The Section is free from debt. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

<i>Director,</i>	. . . .	W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	. . . .	Thomas Meehan.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . .	John H. Redfield.
<i>Recorder,</i>	. . . .	Charles Schaffer, M. D.
<i>Recording Sec'y and Treasurer,</i>		Stewardson Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice-Director.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

Meetings of the Section have been held at the Academy regularly during the year, except in the summer and in September and October, when most of the members are absent.